



# HOMETOWN WEATHERFORD

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# City of Weatherford 2009 Holiday Schedule



Holiday	Day of the Week	Date	City Offices Closed	Sanitation Service Suspended
Good Friday	Friday	April 10, 2009	✓	
Memorial Day	Monday	May 25, 2009	✓	✓
Independence Day	Friday	July 3, 2009	✓	✓
Labor Day	Monday	September 7, 2009	✓	✓
Columbus Day	Monday	October 12, 2009	✓	
Veteran's Day	Wednesday	November 11, 2009	✓	
Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday	November 26 & 27, 2009	✓	✓
Christmas	Thursday & Friday	December 24 & 25, 2009	✓	✓

**Please Note:** The routine schedule for Sanitation will resume the next business day after the observed holiday.

**For Example:** If you are scheduled for the **Monday/Thursday** route and a holiday is observed on Monday, your next collection day would be the following Thursday.

If you are scheduled for the **Tuesday/Friday** route and a holiday is observed on Friday, your next collection day would be the following Tuesday.

## Water Conservation Tips

### In the Kitchen

Repair leaky faucets, fixtures, and pipes  
Turn water off while washing dishes  
Use garbage disposals sparingly — opt instead to compost vegetable scraps and yard clippings  
Scrape dishes—don't rinse before putting them in the dishwasher  
Rinse produce in a pan of water—use remaining water to water plants  
Keep tap water in the refrigerator for drinking

### In the Bathroom

Repair leaky faucets, fixtures, and pipes  
Check toilet leaks by adding food coloring to tank; if color appears in bowl, you have a leak  
Install low-flow shower head  
Take a shower instead of a bath  
Never use toilet to dispose of trash  
Reduce shower time  
Turn water off while brushing teeth or shaving

### Outdoors

Use sprinklers that produce large water droplets not mist  
Set sprinkler system to 1" every 5 days  
Use drip irrigation for flower beds, trees, shrubs  
Condition soil with mulch or compost  
Set lawnmower high—taller grass holds moisture better  
Do not water drives, streets, or sidewalks  
Fill a bucket to wash cars — use hose for rinsing only  
Compost yard clippings

### In the Laundry

Wash only full loads when possible  
Use lowest water setting for light/partial loads  
Use cold water when possible to save energy

## Your City Council

### Mayor

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dhooks@weatherfordtx.gov

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**On our cover:**  
The Parker County Courthouse.

Do you have a photo you'd like to have featured on the cover of **Hometown Weatherford**? Contact Danielle Felts at 817-598-4050.

# Early Voting Sites and Hours

Early voting sites and hours for voting by personal appearance for the General election of May 9, 2009 as conducted by Parker County, Texas are:

## Main Early Voting Site:

Parker County Courthouse Annex  
1112 Santa Fe Dr.  
Weatherford, TX

## Branch Early Voting Sites:

Weatherford College  
(Doss Student Center Allene Strain Community Room)  
225 College Park Dr.  
Weatherford, TX

City of Springtown  
102 East 2nd Street  
Springtown, TX

Peaster ISD Administration Building  
3602 Harwell Lake Road  
Peaster, TX

Willow Park Municipal Building  
516 Ranch House Rd  
Willow Park, TX

Aledo Community Center  
104 Robinson Court  
Aledo, TX 76008

## Hours of Early Voting:

Monday, Apr 27, 2009	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Apr 28, 2009	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, Apr 29, 2009	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday, Apr 30, 2009	8:00 am to 8:00 pm (extended hours)
Friday, May 1, 2009	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, May 4, 2009	8:00 am to 8:00 pm (extended hours)
Tuesday, May 5, 2009	8:00 am to 5:00 pm



Historic Downtown Weatherford played host to the 10th Annual Sweethearts and Orphans car show. Mark your calendars for next year — February 27, 2010.

# City of Weatherford Election Calendar

Wednesday	<b>March 25</b>	First day to apply for a mail ballot
Thursday	<b>April 9</b>	Last day to register to vote in May 9, 2009 election.
Monday	<b>April 27</b>	First day of early voting
Friday	<b>May 1</b>	Last day to receive application for voting by mail
Tuesday	<b>May 5</b>	Last day of early voting
Saturday	<b>May 9</b>	Election day 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Tuesday	<b>May 19</b>	Official Canvass of the votes Special City Council Meeting day
Tuesday	<b>May 19</b>	Candidates take Oath of Office, Election Certificates issued
Wednesday	<b>July 15</b>	Semi-Annual Statements due from Office Holders and Candidates if Final Report not completed — 5:00 pm

## At Random...

• Weatherford's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) includes 88.15 square miles. The ETJ is a 2 mile radius from the city limit line where the City of Weatherford has the legal ability to exercise authority beyond its normal boundaries. The city limits encompasses 28.28 square miles.

**First Monday Trade Days**  
A Weatherford, Texas Tradition for More Than 100 Years

**Spring Bash**

**April 3, 4, 5**

First Space **FREE\*** for All Vendors!  
Reserve Yours Today!  
\*Up to a \$30.00 value.

Free Admission!

Contact Information:

Parks and Recreation

119 Palo Pinto  
P.O. Box 255  
Weatherford, TX 76086  
Phone: 817-598-4124

Email: [jzuniga@weatherfordtx.gov](mailto:jzuniga@weatherfordtx.gov)  
Online: [www.weatherfordtx.gov/parks](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov/parks)

# Weatherford Parks and Recreation Department Programs

The Weatherford Parks and Recreation Department is committed to enriching the quality of life through exceptional programs, parks, and facilities while preserving the community's natural environment for the enjoyment of current and future citizens. To learn more about us, visit [weatherfordparks.com](http://weatherfordparks.com).

## TWO EASY

### 1

**Walk-In**  
Old City Hall,  
Downstairs  
119 Palo Pinto Street  
Mon–Fri  
8:00 am–5:00 pm

## WAYS

### 2

**Call-In**  
817-598-4124  
Credit Card Required for  
Phone Registration  
Mon–Fri  
8:00 am–5:00 pm

## TO REGISTER



### Lifeguarding Classes

The primary responsibility of a lifeguard is to ensure patron safety and protect lives — including his/her own. Interested in finding out more? If you are at least 15 years of age and want the training to make split-second decisions and the opportunity to discover leadership skills that will last a lifetime — enroll today. ALL participants will be required to complete a 300-yard swim and timed brick retrieval from deep water. Successful candidates will continue with the class where they will learn what it takes to be one of the half million American Red Cross trained lifeguards across our country. Detailed class schedule will be given at registration.

Registration Monday, Mar 2–Friday, May 1  
Class Schedule: Wednesday, May 6; 5:00 pm  
Thursday–Friday, May 7–8; 5:00 pm  
Monday–Friday, May 11–15; 5:00 pm

\$225/person  
Arrive dressed to swim  
CPR/AED/First Aid (no water work)  
Water work



## REGISTRATION

### Summer Registration Day

Get in line early and register for all the fun and exciting events coming your way this summer! This will be the first day of registration for swim lessons, swim team, arts-n-craft classes and more.

Saturday, May 2, 2009 9:00 am–11:00 am  
Harberger Hill Community Building 701 Narrow Street

If you miss this day, registration will continue at the PARD office beginning Monday, May 4, 2009, during regular business hours. Pre-registration is required for all classes and one-day adventures. Registration deadline is two business days prior to the class/adventure.

Cash, Check, and Credit Cards (Visa, Master Card, Discover) accepted. A \$3 non-resident fee will be added to registration fees for all classes and adventures. A resident is defined as someone who resides within the municipal boundaries of the City of Weatherford.

## Aquatics

### Cherry Park Pool

302 West Lee Street

817-598-4382 Cherry Park Pool Phone (operating hours only)

817-598-4125 Kristie Weaver, Supervisor (year-round)

Pool activities include public swim, lap swim, group swim lessons, swim team, and private parties. **NEW THIS YEAR, Children ages 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult.**

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### Cherry Park Pool (continued)

#### Day Swim

Beginning May 30; \$2 Per Person, Children 3 & Under and Adults 65 & Over — Free

Monday–Friday 12:30 pm–5:00 pm

Saturday–Sunday 12:30 pm–7:00 pm

#### Night Swim

Beginning Jun 8; \$1.50 Per Person, Children 3 & Under and Adults 65 & Over—Free

Monday & Wednesday 7:45 pm–9:45 pm

#### Season & Family Passes

Season — \$40 Per Person

Family — \$100 (Four members, must reside in same household);

\$10 Each additional family member

### Learn to Swim

Session A: Jun 8–18

Session B: Jun 22–Jul 2

Session C: Jul 6–16

Session D: Jul 20–30

#### Morning Times Offered:

9:30 am–10:10 am

10:20 am–11:00 am

11:10 am–11:50 am

#### Evening Times Offered:

5:15 am–5:55 pm

6:05 am–6:45 pm

6:55 am–7:35 pm

Lessons are offered in a group setting for ages 18 months to 3 years, 3-5 years, and 6-12 years. Participants must be able to work within a group setting. Classes will meet Monday–Thursday for two weeks and are 40 minutes in length. Fridays are reserved for bad weather make up days. Participants will be tested the first day of class and placed in appropriate skill level groups. We do not recommend putting your child in more than one class per session or back-to-back sessions.

**Classes are \$35 per city resident and \$38 for non-city residents.**

### Class Descriptions

*Watertots* — Ages 18 months-3 years (1 adult and 1 child in the water)

A hands-on learning setting where the instructor will work with the adult as well as the child. Focus is on basic skills that increase comfort and confidence in the water.

Class times: 10:20 am or 6:05 pm; all sessions

*PreSchool* — Ages 3-5 years (group class setting-Parents are not in the water)

Focus is on basic skills that increase comfort and confidence in the water. Classes are taught to the pace of the participants working through a specific sequence of skills.

Class times: all times, all sessions

*Elementary* — Ages 6-12 years (group class setting)

Participants will begin working through a specific sequence of skills taught at their pace. Basic water adjustment skills, comfort and confidence in the water are emphasized at all levels of instruction.

Class times: all times, all sessions

*Stroke Development* — Ages 10 & older (group class setting)

This class is designed for participants who have advanced skills but who may not be ready to join the swim team. \*Pre-requisites: participants must show proficiency in front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, and have basic knowledge of butterfly; ability to swim back and forth across the pool in the aforementioned strokes. Participants will be moved down to lessons if they do not meet the pre-requisites.

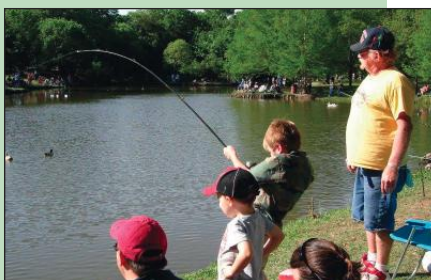
Class times: 9:30 am or 6:55 pm; all sessions

*Adult Beginner* — Ages 13 & up (group class setting)

Truly for the beginner! Water safety, basic water adjustment skills, comfort and confidence in the water is what this class is about. Never learned to swim – then this class is for you.

Class time: 6:55 pm; Sessions A and C only.

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### Weatherford Swim Team

Participation is open to swimmers of all ages. Participants MUST be able to swim across the pool unassisted demonstrating the freestyle and backstroke. The Weatherford Swim Team is affiliated with the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation and competes in Saturday circuit meets against other area teams. Swimmers may compete in the TAAF Region 4 Championship Meet in Keller and qualifying finishers will have the opportunity to participate in the TAAF Games of Texas Swim Meet in late July in San Antonio.

**Registration fee is \$75.00 per city resident and \$78.00 per non-city resident.**

### Private Pool Parties

Is your birthday in the summer? Rent the pool for a private party. Rentals are available on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday nights from 7:45 pm-9:45 pm. Reservations may be made beginning Monday, Apr 6, 2009 and the first date available is Thursday, Jun 4. Rentals begin at \$150 and include a pool manager and certified lifeguards. Final cost is dependent upon the number of guests. Please call 817-598-4125 or visit our website for additional information.

### Texas Junior Anglers

Due to on-going improvements at Holland Lake Park, this event has been re-scheduled to September 12. Holland Lake Park will be stocked with over 700 pounds of channel catfish — all yours for the taking. Prizes will be given for longest fish caught in various age groups. All registered participants will be eligible for door prizes. Please bring your own fishing gear; TJA will have a limited supply of poles for use. Get there early to register and claim your spot along the shore. Ages 16 & under

Saturday, Sept 12 9:00 am-12:00 pm Holland Lake Park FREE

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### 8th Annual Concert Under the Stars

Join us on Thursday evenings in June at Memorial Plaza at Weatherford College and boogie the night away! Free concerts will begin at 7:00 pm. Please bring a blanket/lawn chair.

Jun 4 — Fabulous 50's

Jun 11 — Steve Helms Band

Jun 18 — Randy Brown Band

Jun 25 — Cody Robbins Band

**Fabulous  
50's**



### Movies in the Park

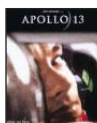
Miss the atmosphere of the drive-in? Want to spend fun, quality time with the family? Then grab a patch of grass or bring a lawn chair or blanket to watch family-friendly (G or PG) movies on the big screen at Cherry Park. Each Friday night in June brings another big-screen adventure to Weatherford. Movies will begin at dark (approximately 9:00 pm).

Jun 5 — Apollo 13

Jun 12 — Kung Fu Panda

Jun 19 — Back to the Future

Jun 26 — Hotel for Dogs



## ADULT ATHLETICS

All league information including schedules, rules, rosters, and standings may be found at [quickscores.com/weatherford](http://quickscores.com/weatherford).

### Softball — Season 2

Games will be played at **Cartwright Park** during the week nights. Teams may play with 10-12 players (depending on the league) and may carry up to 20 on the roster. This will be a 10-game season; maximum 6 teams per night. Leagues offered: Monday, Men's Church; Tuesday, Co-ed Church; Thursday, Men's D; Friday, Co-ed D. Players must be 16 years of age to participate.

Registration Tuesday, May 26-Friday, Jun 19 \$280 Per Team Begins week of Jun 29

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### Let the Games Begin!

Adult Softball-Season 3, Co-Ed Kickball, and Flag Football will be played at the newly constructed Ballfields at Holland Lake Park. The adult softball fields are complete with lights, scoreboards, covered dugouts, and grandstand bleachers. An adjoining concession/restroom building finishes off the complex.

### Softball — Season 3

Teams may play with 10-12 players (depending on the league) and may carry up to 20 on the roster. This will be an 8-game season. Leagues offered: Monday, Men's Church; Tuesday, Co-ed Church; Thursday, Men's D & Women's D; Friday, Co-ed D. Players must be 16 years of age to participate.

Registration Monday, Aug 10–Friday, Sept 4 \$280 Per Team Begins week of Sept 21

### Co-Ed Kickball

Get ready for a new adult program, Co-ed Kickball. Weatherford Parks and Recreation offers you the chance to test your skills out on the field with the revival of a classic recreational sport. Line-ups will consist of 10 players (5 men and 5 women) with a maximum roster of 20 players. This will be an 8-game season with season ending awards. All games will be played on Monday nights. Players must be 16 years of age to participate.

Registration Monday, Aug 10–Friday, Sept 4 \$200 Per Team Begins week of Sept 21

### Flag Football

Coming this fall to the Ballfields at Holland Lake Park. Please check the website for up-to-date information.

## YOUTH ATHLETICS

### Blastball

Blastball is a fun, engaging activity for preschool age children. Each child will participate in every game, both on offense and defense. Games are 30-minutes long and teams will play one game each Saturday. Registration fee includes team t-shirt and use of all equipment. Players must be ages 3-4 to participate.

Late Registration: Monday, Mar 23–Friday, Apr 3 \$60 Per Player

League begins Apr 25 at Cartwright Park

### NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass, and Kick

Young pro football fans will have the opportunity to exhibit their football skills at this year's NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass, and Kick competition. The competition is FREE and open to boys and girls ages 8–15; age as of 12/31/09. Each contestant will get one punt, one pass, and one place kick attempt to win their division and advance to the Sectional competition. Sectional winners will have their scores compared with other Sectional champions for a chance to compete at a Dallas Cowboys home game later this year. Shoes must be worn, no cleats!

Sept TBD The Ballfields at Holland Lake Park FREE

## MORE FUN

Suggested Age Level: Kids I (Ages 3 and up); Kids II (Ages 6 and up); Teen (Ages 11-18); Adult (Ages 18+). All classes meet at the Cherry Park Community Building located at 313 Davis Street, unless otherwise noted. Minimum class size 5 participants, maximum 12. Pre-registration is required for all classes and adventures.

### Kids I Programs

#### Let's Get Buggy

Join us as we make buggy crafts of our buggy friends; we will then go outside in search of our tiny, six legged friends.

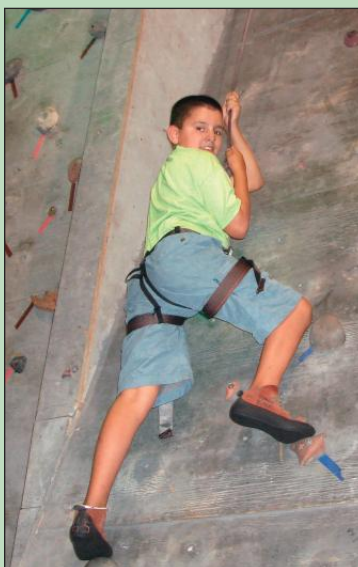
Wednesday Apr 15 4:00 pm–5:00 pm \$5

#### Ooey Gooey Art

Some of the best art is the messiest! We will use paints and other materials to make abstract creations. Wear clothes to get messy in.

Wednesday May 13 10:00 am–11:00 am \$5

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### Creative Color Day

Colors, colors everywhere. Join us as we explore the science of colors and make colorful crafts that will dazzle the eyes.

Wednesday Jun 10 10:00 am–11:00 am \$5

### Island Adventure

Cool down from the Texas heat! We will make tropical crafts and a delicious island treat.

Wednesday Jul 15 2:00 pm–3:00 pm \$5

### Fiesta Friday

Come celebrate a fantastic Friday! We will make fiesta crafts and a fun fiesta snack.

Friday Aug 7 10:00 am–11:00 am \$5

## Kids II Programs

### Wacky Sports Wednesday

Tired of the same old sports? With lawn bowling, fun Frisbee, and more we will put a twist on the original game in a wacky way! We will be outside, so dress cool and wear comfortable shoes.

Wednesday Jul 8 10:00 am–11:00 am \$5

### Mini Chefs

Let's create some yummy and healthy snacks using easy recipes with tasty results.

Wednesday Jul 22 10:00 am–11:00 am \$10

### Terrific Tie Dye

Back by popular demand! Bring a white shirt, socks, pillowcase, or whatever you would like to turn into a colorful work of art. You will learn the art of making a multi-color masterpiece.

Wednesday Jul 29 2:00 pm–3:00 pm \$5

## Teen Programs

### Disc Golf Clinic

Did you know Weatherford has an 18-hole disc golf course? Disc golf is one of the fastest growing recreational sports in the U.S. This one day class will teach you the basics of the game. Weatherford Disc Golf course is located at 115 East Lake Drive (Corner of East Lake Drive and Mikus Road).

Tuesday Jun 9 5:30 pm–6:30 pm FREE Weatherford Disc Golf course

### Outdoor Education

Come enjoy the great outdoors! You will learn how to setup a campsite, identify plants and animals, survival tips, and more. We will be outside, so dress cool and wear comfortable shoes.

Wednesday–Thursday, June 17–18, 10:00 am–12:00 pm \$10

### Summer Adventures

Adventure includes admission, transportation, and a t-shirt that must be worn during each trip. Participants need to bring a sack lunch and wear comfortable shoes. Two adult staff members will be present on each trip. Participants required; 3 minimum, 6 maximum per trip.

Trips will leave at from and return to the Cherry Park Community Building.

Leave 10:00 am; Return 4:00 pm \$25

Wednesday Jun 24 Fort Worth Zoo

Wednesday Aug 5 Dyno-Rock (rock climbing)

## On-Going Classes—Kids I, Kids II, Teen, and Adult

For information regarding the following classes, please contact the instructor of the course.

### Behave! Dog Obedience

This practical course teaches dogs and their owners the principles of proper dog obedience. This course will teach your dog to walk at your side, sit, stay, down, come when called, behave properly in public, and much more. Sessions meet once a week for 6 weeks. Vaccinations and flea preventive medication must be up to date. For more information, please contact Steven or Dixie Drake at 817-599-9948. Classes are held at the Cherry Park Community Building.

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### Rising Phoenix Martial Arts

In this fun course for ages 4 & older, participants will learn to defend themselves using a wide variety of martial arts. Through participation, students will achieve the discipline needed to excel in other areas of life. For more information contact Stan Stallaby at 817-501-0389 or visit [risingphoenixma.com](http://risingphoenixma.com). Classes are held at the Harberger Hill Community Building.

### Square Dancing

This entertaining course teaches people the basics of traditional square dancing. The class is fun for all ages and a great form of exercise. For more information, please contact Clarice Davis at 817-596-0423. Classes are held at the Cherry Park Community Building.

### T'ai Chi with Michael

Practicing T'ai Chi is one of the quickest and most effective ways to increase your body energy, potential and awareness. It helps to promote relaxation, stress reduction and flexibility. It is used for centering the mind and heart, improving balance, and eliminating toxins in the body. For more information about the class and to register call Michael Anderson at 817-596-0550. Classes are held at Chandor Gardens.

## First Monday Trade Days

The historic First Monday Trade Days takes place the first Monday of each month. The event offers a one of a kind shopping experience for items such as unique gifts, crafts, antiques and more. The First Monday grounds are located at Santa Fe Drive and Fort Worth Highway, just a few blocks from Historic Downtown Weatherford. For more information or to reserve a space, please call 817-598-4124. Information is also available at [weatherfordparks.com](http://weatherfordparks.com).

### Upcoming First Monday Trade Days

Friday, Apr 3–Sunday, Apr 5, 2009  
 Friday, May 1–Sunday, May 3, 2009  
 Friday, May 29–Sunday, May 31, 2009  
 Friday, Jul 3–Sunday, Jul 5, 2009  
 Friday, Jul 31–Sunday, Aug 2, 2009  
 Friday, Sept 4–Sunday, Sept 6, 2009  
 Friday, Oct 2–Sunday, Oct 4, 2009  
 Friday, Oct 30–Sunday, Nov 1, 2009  
 Friday, Dec 4–Sunday, Dec 6, 2009

## Chandor Gardens

**Chandor Gardens**  
 711 West Lee Street  
 Weatherford, Texas  
 817-613-1700  
[chandorgardens.com](http://chandorgardens.com)

## Chandor Gardens Spring Fling

**April 4 & 5**

**Call for more information.**



Chandor Gardens captures both the ornate design of Chinese architecture and the elegance of a formal English garden. The 3.5-acre estate leads its visitors on a meandering path of beauty and wonderment. From the 30-foot man-made waterfall to the many soothing fountains, Chandor Gardens has something new and exciting to offer at every turn.

### Public Garden Tours

Apr 4–Nov 29, 2009  
 Saturdays, 9:00 am–3:00 pm  
 Sundays, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

### Admission

Adults \$5.00; 12 and under FREE; season passes available

### Private Tours & Appointments

Available Tuesday-Sunday, by reservations only

# Transportation Improvements Underway

Three projects in the City of Weatherford's Transportation Improvement Program are now underway.

A construction contract in the amount of \$6,962,394.87 was awarded to L. H. Lacy Company for the construction of the South Denton Street project. Construction began in early December of 2008 and should be near completion in December 2009.

The new road will be constructed of reinforced concrete and will have a four lane raised median bridge, more than 640 feet long, over the Union Pacific Railroad and Town Creek. Starting in the 900 block of Fort Worth Highway with a new traffic signal, the road will extend south to connect to Santa Fe Drive with a new traffic signal in the 800 block, adjacent to the Weatherford Police Department.

The extension of Foster Drive through Eureka Street is adjacent to the South Denton Street connection and will form a four-way signalized intersection at Santa Fe Drive. The newly formed intersections will have protected left turn bays and free right-turn lanes and will include extensive drainage improvements.

A construction contract for the Foster Street extension project was awarded to JRJ Paving in the amount of \$1,163,876.06. Construction began in February 2009 and is scheduled for completion in December.

Another project underway is the demolition and reconstruction of the Franklin Street Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad and the widening of the bridge over Town Creek. A construction contract in the amount of \$1,798,591.90 was awarded to Orval Hall Excavating. Construction began in December of 2008 and is scheduled for completion in September 2009. The project is designed to improve visibility at the intersection of Franklin Street and Vine Street and widens both bridges for future growth.

A construction contract for the BB Fielder Road East project

was awarded to Gilco Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$1,740,691.05. BB Fielder Road East will be a four lane concrete reinforced street beginning at the intersection of State Highway 171 and Causbie Road and extending east and northeast, behind the Weatherford Market Place shopping center and connecting to the Interstate 20 frontage road between the National Tire & Battery and Holiday Inn Express. Work is scheduled to begin in April 2009 and should be completed by December 2009.

The bids for two additional major projects were awarded and are on line to begin this spring. The first of those two projects will reconstruct and widen State Highway 171 from Interstate 20 south approximately two thousand five hundred feet. The new roadway will be configured to have two lanes of through traffic in both the north and south directions and have a protected left turn bay and free right turn lane into the Weatherford Market Place shopping center and onto the new BB Fielder Road and Alford Drive. Once started, construction of this project is scheduled to take one year.

The second major project to begin this spring will construct new eastbound and westbound frontage roads between State Highway 171 and FM Highway 2552. Other elements of that project include a new bridge over the Interstate at Holland Lake Road, the widening of the bridge over the Interstate on State Highway 171 and elevated free turns at State Highway 171 and FM Highway 2552. Additional on/off ramps and ramp relocations are other key elements to the project.

For additional information and frequent updates concerning these and other transportation projects within the City of Weatherford, visit the City's website at **weatherfordtx.gov**; click on the "Transportation Update" link.

## Getting to Know Your City's Website: Transportation Update



Transportation is a hot topic in Weatherford, Texas. For citizens and visitors alike, traveling city and county roads is a daily fact of life. A special link is available on the City of Weatherford's website in an effort to keep citizens and visitors as up-to-date as possible regarding aspects of the City's ongoing Transportation projects.

### How do I get there?

- ◆ **weatherfordtx.gov**
- ◆ In The News (in the middle of the page)

### What will I find there?

- ◆ Project descriptions
- ◆ Current status
- ◆ Projected cost
- ◆ Timelines

### Current Projects

- ◆ BB Fielder East
- ◆ BB Fielder West
- ◆ Franklin Street Bridges
- ◆ SH 171/FM 51 (from Interstate 20 to FM 1884)
- ◆ Spring Street
- ◆ South Denton/Foster Drive
- ◆ Town Creek Trail
- ◆ Washington Drive
- ◆ Westbound/Eastbound Frontage Roads (S Bowie to FM 1884)
- ◆ Westbound/Eastbound Frontage Roads (SH 171 to FM 2552)

# Weatherford Public Library Programs

## Weatherford Public Library

1014 Charles Street  
Weatherford, Texas 76086  
817-598-4150  
[wpltx.com](http://wpltx.com)



## Roo Garden Provides Outdoor Reading Area

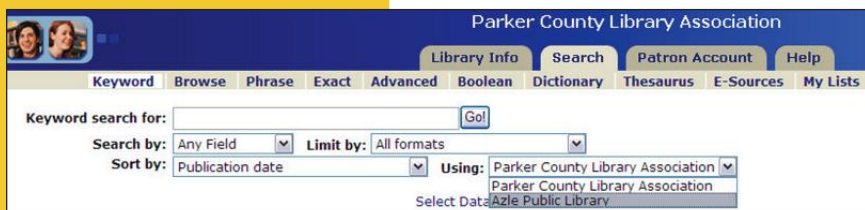
Thanks to plentiful assistance from the Parker County Master Gardeners Association and the City of Weatherford Parks and Recreation Department, the Weatherford Public Library is proud to announce the addition of a new outdoor feature—the Roo Garden. Two benches allow for an al fresco reading experience, or a place to take a breather and enjoy the lush landscaping after a taxing day.



## Parker County Library Association

In February 2009, the Parker County Library Association, comprised of Azle Public Library, East Parker County Library, Inc., Springtown Public Library and Weatherford Public Library, introduced countywide public library service for Parker County residents. The four libraries have combined holdings of approximately 185,000 items (close to double the size of Weatherford's collection) that will be easily accessible by users of any of the libraries.

To use the new library catalog, go to <http://catalog.wpltx.com>. Search for an item and you will see results from East Parker County, Springtown, and Weatherford libraries. To access Azle's collection, click the "Search" tab at the top of the screen and then select Azle Public Library in the "Using:" drop-down menu (see illustration).



When an online request for an item is placed, that item will be delivered to the library of your choice within one week. The delivery day (subject to change) is scheduled for Wednesdays. You can use your Weatherford Public Library card to check out materials at East Parker County and Springtown libraries without having to apply for a new account. You also have the added option

of returning materials at the East Parker County and Springtown libraries.

The Parker County Library Association plans to connect Azle's check-out system with the other libraries' in December 2009. Millsap Independent School District plans to open a new elementary school (March 2010), and the library will be open for public use and a part of the Parker County Library Association as well.

The Parker County Library Association is working together to bring you the best possible variety of resources, services, and programming!



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## Weatherford Public Library

1014 Charles Street  
Weatherford, Texas 76086  
817-598-4150  
wpltx.com



## Summer Reading Club

This year's Summer Reading Club theme is "Libraries: Deep in the Heart of Texas!"

The summer event schedule is set—and exciting. Hot air balloons to bubble magic! Puppets and performers! Wild animals and all sorts of creepy crawly things! You'll see the same high level of quality programming you've come to expect from the Weatherford Public Library, with something going on just about every day. The programs are funded by a donation from the Friends of the Weatherford Public Library, Inc.

Thanks to the support of many community sponsors, registration and participation in the Summer Reading Club are, as always, free. Prizes will be awarded based on completion of reading goals. Help your children keep their reading skills sharp over the summer for a great start to next school year!

## Die-Cut Machines Available

The library has a collection of nearly 350 paper-cutting dies in various shapes, including number and letter sets. Beginning in May, the dies and die cutting machines will be available by appointment for public use. Dies are sharp and can be dangerous, so use of die-cut equipment is limited to individuals 15 years of age and older.

To schedule your appointment, please call Mandi at 817-598-4159. The policies for using the equipment, a list of dies available, and a list of acceptable materials for use will be available at the library information desk.

## Library Programs

Suggested Interest Level

Kids (to age 12); Teen (ages 12-18); Adult (ages 18+); Everyone

All programs presented by the Weatherford Public Library are free and open to the public. Some programs, as noted in the program descriptions, may be limited in space and require registration.

Please check the library's website at [wpltx.com](http://wpltx.com) for updates and additional program announcements, or call the library at 817-598-4150.

## Everyone

All events take place at the Library and begin at 10:30 am.

### Summer Reading Club

Kick-off Carnival  
Thursday Jun 4

**Wildlife on the Move**  
Saturday Jun 13

**Puppet Show with Margaret Clauder**  
Thursday Jun 18

**The Sawyer Family Band**  
Saturday Jun 27

**Jungle Jim**  
Thursday Jul 2

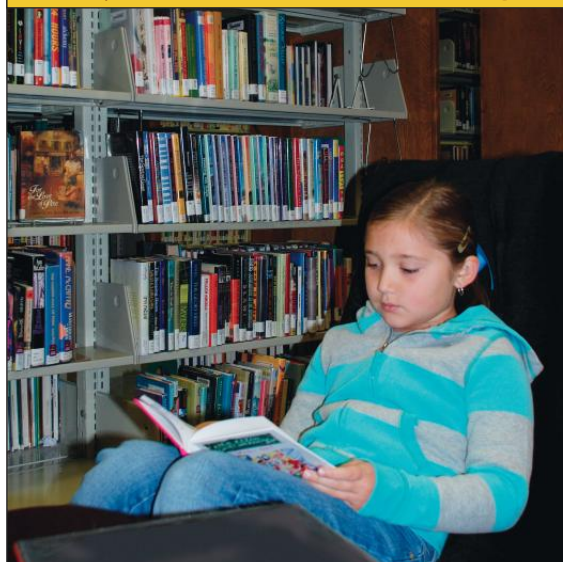
**Critterman: Texas Tails**  
Thursday Jul 9

**Dazzling Events Bubble Magic**  
Thursday Jul 23

**Magician Todd McKinney**  
Thursday Jul 30

**Rodeos from the Past Exhibit**  
Thursday, Jun 4–Wednesday, Jun 30

**Take your child on an adventure this summer; get a library card!**  
Library cards are available for all ages.



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### Kids

#### Kid's Club

Stories and songs, and a different craft to create each week.  
Tuesdays Jun 2–Jul 28 2:30 pm

### Teen/Adult

#### Vegetable Gardening in Parker County

Presented by Parker County Master Gardeners  
Thursday Apr 2 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

#### Harvesting Rainwater

Presented by Parker County Master Gardeners  
Thursday May 7 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

#### Footnote.com and NARA Digitized Records — Genealogy

Presented by Judy Allen Knight  
Wednesday Jun 24 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

#### Preserving Garden Produce

Presented by Kathy Smith, Parker County Agriculture Extension Office  
Thursday Jul 16 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

#### Adult Reading Club — Explore Your Library, Explore Your Town

The Annual Adult begins Tuesday, September 2. Adult patrons (18 and older) read or listen to 8 unabridged books from pre-selected areas of the library to Explore Your Library. The completed logs are returned to the library and entered in a drawing for one of four gift baskets filled with tickets, gift cards, gift certificates, merchandise, and other items from Weatherford businesses and organizations to Explore Your Town.

You may enter as often as you wish by reading additional books and completing additional reading logs. All reading logs must be received at Weatherford Public Library by 9:00 am Tuesday, December 1, 2009; the drawing will be held at 10:15 am. Reading logs may be returned through the book drop.

Tuesday, Sept 8–Tuesday, Dec 1

#### Scrapcrafting Workshop with Master Crafter Julia Park

Learn how to take those things that you might throw away, such as applesauce cups, empty cans or bottles, used greeting cards, scraps of ribbon and trim — the list is endless, and turn them into gifts and decorations for the coming holidays. Everyone will leave with a completed project. All supplies will be furnished.

Thursday Sept 10 7:00 pm  
Thursday Oct 22 7:00 pm

# City Wide Clean Up Day Scheduled—Saturday, April 18

The City of Weatherford city wide spring clean up day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 18.

Between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm, all City of Weatherford residents can bring brush, leaves, grass, bagged garbage, furniture, appliances (including televisions, computers, and microwaves), metal, oil, oil filters, and construction material such as wood, sheet rock, and paneling, to the First Monday Trade Days grounds at the corner of Santa Fe Drive and Fort Worth Highway for FREE DISPOSAL.

For a cleaner and more efficient operation, the City encourages residents to separate metals and trash from wood and brush materials. Assistance with unloading will be provided.

Please note items not accepted include roofing shingles,

bricks, dirt, concrete, tires, paint, hazardous materials, chemicals, liquids, flammable liquids, and batteries.

This service is for City of Weatherford residents only; proof of residency will be required in the form of a utility bill or photo identification.

For those residing outside the city limits, each Parker County Precinct will be operating a bulk trash collection site the same day. For more information related to Parker County collection sites, please call 817-598-6168.

For additional information about the City's event or information on how to dispose of items not accepted at the event, please call Sanitation Superintendent Steve Bates at 817-598-4145.

# CodeRED—Emergency Communication Service

The City of Weatherford has contracted with Emergency Communications Network, Inc. for "CodeRED" high-speed telephone emergency notification services.

The CodeRED system gives City officials the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notifications to targeted areas or the entire city at a rate of up to 50,000 calls per hour. The CodeRED system was chosen after the contract with the previous service provider, FirstCall, expired.

Such systems are only as good as the telephone database supporting them therefore all City of Weatherford residents and businesses need to guarantee their phone number is in the database so that they will be called.

The CodeRED system offers extremely fast calling rates and enhanced message delivery, along with the ability for individuals and businesses to add their individual phone numbers directly to the system's telephone database.

To ensure no one is omitted, the City urges all individuals and businesses to log onto the City of Weatherford's website at [weatherfordtx.gov](http://weatherfordtx.gov) and follow the link within the "News Flash" section to the "CodeRED Residential and Business Data Collection" page.

Those without Internet access may call the City of

Weatherford Fire Department at 817-598-4280, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–5:00 pm, to give their information over the phone.

To register your number for the CodeRED system, required information includes first and last name, physical address (no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number. Additional phone numbers are optional.

No one should automatically assume that his or her phone number is included. All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the last year, and who use a cellular phone as their primary home phone.

The "CodeRED" system, which will be initiated in March 2009, is a geographical-based notification system, which means street addresses are needed to select which phone numbers will receive emergency notification calls in any given situation. The system is successful with cell phone numbers; however, a street address is necessary. People who have recently moved yet kept the same listed or unlisted phone number do need to change their address in the database.

CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for doing so. The information will only be used for emergency notification purposes.

# CODE RED®

Emergency Communication Made Easy.

## Seat Belt Laws

### Front Passenger's Seat

ADULTS (17 and over): \$25–\$50 to offender

ADULTS (15 and under 17): \$25–\$50 to offender or driver

CHILDREN (5–16): \$100–\$200 to driver

CHILDREN (under age 5 and under 36 inches tall): \$100–\$200 to driver



### Driver's Seat

DRIVER (over 15): \$25–\$50 fine

### Back Seat

ADULTS (17 and over): No violation

CHILDREN (5–16): \$100–\$200 fine to driver

CHILDREN (under age 5 and under 36 inches tall): \$100–\$200 fine to driver

### Effective September 1, 2005

#### Child in safety seats

A child under 5 years old and under 36 inches tall must be restrained in a child passenger safety seat in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

#### Child in seat belts

A child age 5 and younger than age 17 must be restrained in a seat belt regardless of position in the vehicle.

#### Adults in seat belts

A person must be restrained in a seat belt if seated in the front seat. Adults (at least age 17) seated in the back seat are not required to be restrained in a seat belt.

#### Pick-up trucks and trailers

A child under age 18 cannot ride in the open bed of a pick-up truck or trailer on a public road.

Photo courtesy Matthew Brown/Wikimedia.org

# City Creates Citizen Help Line

The City of Weatherford is providing a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week Citizen Help Line for residents to voice their inquiries regarding **non-emergency** city-related matters.

Beginning April 1, residents and businesses alike can call 817-598-HELP (817-598-4357).

The new communication feature will assist the City in providing information and solutions to problems in a timely manner on a variety of subjects regarding the City of Weatherford, its departments, and its policies through an efficient and effective sustainable service. The Help Line is designated for service issues and questions that do not need a police or fire response, such as litter, broken street lighting, and transportation issues.

If residents call the Help Line during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm, they will reach a City employee designated to handle the call. If after hours, calls will be answered

by voicemail which will be received the next business day.

The goal of the City is to respond to all requests within three working days; however, that does not mean requests will be answered or resolved within three days. If an issue is extensive, the City will keep the caller informed of the progress.

The Help Line is designed to bring a great deal of comfort and convenience to the people of Weatherford and will ensure that the City provides quality service to the entire community, particularly those that need to report simple issues quickly and easily.

City administration encourages residents to take an interest in the appearance, health, and safety of the community and make full use of the Help Line.

Make it easy for the City to help you by calling 817-598-HELP (817-598-4357).

## Citizen Service Requests via the Web

Citizens may also submit electronic Citizen Service Requests via the City's website at [weatherfordtx.gov](http://weatherfordtx.gov). Issues can be reported such as abandoned vehicles, bill payment, food establishment complaints, building code violations, blocked drainage channels, unlawful accumulation, and high weeds/grass among numerous others. Reporting issues online will allow you the opportunity to track the issue as well.



## Meet Your City

The City of Weatherford Sanitation Department services approximately 4,200 homes per day and collects 150 to 300 tons of solid waste per week. The Sanitation Department operates four garbage trucks and two bulk collection trucks. For questions or information regarding the City's sanitation services contact Steve Bates, Sanitation Superintendent, at 817-598-4145.

Front row, left to right: **Dusty Rose** — Loader (1 year), **Mikie Fundis** — Loader (7 years), **Jared Bandy** — Driver/Loader (2 years), **John McEntire** — Driver/Loader (2 years), **James Yarbrough** — Loader (6 months), **DeKendrick Young** — Loader (1 month), **Steve Bates** — Superintendent (21 years).

Back row, left to right: **Dwayne Shields** — Driver (6 months), **Donald Williams** — Driver (3 years), **Mitchell York** — Loader (1 year), **Troy Dickey** — Driver (20 years), **Rob Hensley** — Loader (1 year), **Paul Rodriguez** — Loader (17 years), **Ronnie Keller** — Driver (17 years).



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Community Relations Office  
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## **For all emergencies dial 911**

**Police Non-Emergency**  
817-598-4300

**Fire Non-Emergency**  
817-598-4280

**Customer Service Department for City of Weatherford Utility Services**  
(Electric, Water, Waste Water & Sanitation)  
817-598-4225

**After Hours Dispatch for City of Weatherford Utility Services**  
(Electric, Water, Waste Water & Sanitation)  
817-598-4257

**Mayor and City Council**  
817-598-4102

**City Manager**  
817-598-4102

**Assistant City Manager**  
817-598-4201

**City Secretary**  
817-598-4202

**City Hall**  
817-598-4000

**Animal Shelter**  
817-598-4111

**Code Enforcement**  
817-598-4300

**Municipal Court**  
817-598-4120

**Parks and Recreation**  
817-598-4124

**Public Library**  
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